

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Leatrese HARRIS et al. : Examiner: Unassigned
Serial No.: To Be Assigned : Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: August 28, 2001 :
For: OPEN PORE BIODEGRADABLE MATRICES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

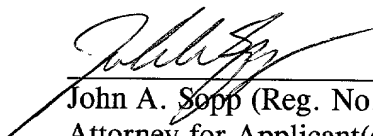
On page 1, after the Title, insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a Continuation Application of U.S. Serial No. 09/402,119, filed
September 30, 1999.--

REMARKS

The above is believed to be self-explanatory.

Respectfully submitted,



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